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1. [redacted] a one-page report on bauxite mines in the Bashkir ASSR.

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2. The report identifies two mines, one at Kukshik (N 55-05, E 58-43) on the Ufa-Zlatoust line and another approximately five km from that settlement.¹ Production and labor figures are given for the second mine.

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3. [redacted] the following information: Workers at the Yuzhno-Uralskiy Boksitovyy Rudnik (Southern Ural Bauxite Mine) at Kukshik received their mail at the Suleya Boksitovyy Rudnik (N 55-04, E 58-55), which was a somewhat larger railroad station than Kukshik. Approximately 500 drivers trucked ore from Machovoy Log (sic) to the Suleya station, a distance of about seven miles.

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1. [redacted] Comment: According to T. Shabad in his Geography of the USSR, 1951 edition, Kukshik was renamed Pervomayskiy in 1943, but the Official Railroad Timetable of the USSR, summer 1956 edition, lists Kukshik as the first station before Suleya on the Ufa-Zlatoust-Chelyabinsk line.

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1. The bauxite mine ~~URALS~~ URALSKI BOKSITOVO RUDNIK and the bauxite mine ~~MACHOVOJ LOG~~ MACHOVOJ LOG (U.B.R.) are located on the section of the line between ZLATOUST and UFA. A halt, KUKSCHNITZ, has been established right next to the mine so the raw bauxite can be skidded directly down in railroad cars. The deposits by KUKSCHNITZ gradually seem to be of less importance. In 1941 the mine MACHOVOJ LOG was opened 4-5 km northwest of KUKSCHNITZ. 25X1

2. [redacted] mining was done from the surface and from up to 20 metres deep shafts. The deposits by MACHOVOJ LOG are very rich, and apparently there is ore for many years' mining. The transportation of the ore from MACHOVOJ LOG to KUKSCHNITZ takes place in trucks. There was no kind of treatment or sorting of the ore before the transportation. The daily production was estimated to be approximately 30 railroad cars, corresponding to 4-600 tons. The production materiel in the mines [redacted]

[redacted] was old-fashioned; as such, the dumping cars were horse-drawn. Originally both mines got power from a small [redacted] power station. Later a large power station was built by MACHOVOJ LOG which supplied both mines with power. This power station has perhaps also made it possible to have more modern technique in the mines.

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3. [redacted] plans to build an aluminum works by MACHOVOJ LOG (U.B.R.) [redacted]

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4. Concerning the location of other aluminum works, [redacted] the bauxite was transported westwards towards UFA. Approximately 3000 men are working in MACHOVOJ LOG (U.B.R.) [redacted]

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